

## NARCOTIC DRUGS

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### NOTE

The Legation of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Egyptian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to state that it is in receipt of a communication from the Honorable the Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., informing it of the desire expressed by the Treasury Department of the United States that, with a view to bringing about a stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, a closer cooperation be established between the administrative officials of the United States and those of certain foreign countries.

To this end the Legation has the honor to enquire whether the Royal Egyptian Government would be disposed, as has been done through informal arrangements already accepted by seventeen countries, to arrange for:

1. The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding office in Egypt of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.

2. The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs, or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern the other country. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.

3. Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

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The Legation has the honor to add in this connection that the officer of the United States Treasury Department who would have charge, on behalf of the American Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Mr. H. J. Anslinger, whose mail and telegraph address is Assistant Commissioner of Prohibition, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. In case the proposed arrangement meets with the approval of the Royal Government the Legation would be pleased to be informed of the name of the official with whom Mr. Anslinger should communicate.

The Legation has the honor to enquire also, in the event that the proposed arrangement proves acceptable to the Royal Government, whether the Royal Ministry would have any objection to the publication of the note of acceptance.

As of interest in this connection the Legation has the honor to enclose a copy of BULLETIN OF TREATY INFORMATION No. 5, July 1929, published by the Department of State, Washington, which contains the texts of the arrangements entered into between the United States and other Governments.

The Legation of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Royal Egyptian Ministry for Foreign Affairs the assurance of its high consideration.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

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*The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Legation*

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NOTE

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Legation of the United States of America and, referring to its Note No. 40.2/6 (42) of June 20, 1930, has the honor to inform the Legation that it perceives no objection to adopting the proposed procedure, between the interested departments of the two Governments, for the direct and immediate exchange of information regarding the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs.

The Central Narcotics Intelligence Bureau is the office charged with the control of the illicit traffic of drugs in Egypt. It is attached to the Government at Cairo and is under the direction of H. E. Russel Pasha, Commandant of the Cairo City Police. His telegraphic address is "Kharab".

In bringing the above to the knowledge of the Legation of the United States of America, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has the honor to state that it has no objection to the publication of the present Note. It seizes the opportunity to renew to the Legation the assurance of its high consideration.

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